Minutes - Research Council Meeting
May 10, 2024
9:00-10:30 am

In Attendance: J. Allan, M. Budig, C. Burnett, R. Clement, S. Fefer, K. Filep, B. Jakob, M. Krezmien, K. Lachman, C. Misra, G. Mitra, A. Nagurney, J. Normanly, M. Pachucki, A. Paik, P. Reinhart, A. Ribbe, S. Rooparine, J. Rowen, B. Shelburne, F. Sousa, F. Sup, K.P. Tandukar, L. Vandenberg, DV Venkataraman, L. Walker, B. Whitcomb, C. Wilda, L. Wolf

Welcome

- J. Normanly welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Quick review and approval of minutes from April 26th.
    - https://umass.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/ResearchCouncil/ERiGxxn8PGxKodAvhEOaACcBlPhoqY7Je-bgbmciRHhCKQ?e=K2VKGp Motion made to approve and passed without dissent.

Task Force & Committee updates

- Center & Institutes TF (Sarah Fefer, Paul Katz, Laura Vandenberg)
    - Discussion about annual report process, and annual report review committee process
- RAAB (Laura Vandenberg)
    - No update or meeting since last RC meeting

- AI Task Force (Loren Walker) (Presented to Faculty Senate—topic for AY24-25)

- RCC (Alex Ribbe)
    - Discussion about a rep from campus on a broader level

- Grad Student Funding TF (Bryan Coughlin, Lori Goldner, Gaurav Mitra, Jackie Urla) – (see below)

Center & Institutes reviews

- Elaine Marieb Center for Nursing and Engineering Innovation (Frank Sup) Update on Center
- Center for Justice, Law, and Societies in Political Science (Jamie Rowen) Update on Center
- Centers ready for voting
    - Energy Transition Institute
    - Center for Racial Justice and Youth Engaged Research

  Voting poll sent to RC members at meeting and will close by 5PM, May 10th.

Grad Student Funding & Tuition Revenue Funds (Jackie Urla and Kristina Filep)

https://umass.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/ResearchCouncil/Shared%20Documents/General/2023-2024/%2723-%2724%20task%20forces,%20committees,%20liaisons/Task%20Force%20Grad%20St

udent%20Funding/Fwd_%20RC%20April%202024%20Meeting?csf=1&web=1&e=YCpFQd

- Overview of committee funding findings and next steps
- Update on building an institutional warehouse for data

Research Council Leadership, AY24-25 (Jennifer Normanly)

- Shared current membership and a call for nominations announced
- Election at next meeting